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SEP 30 2008**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 1, 7-10, and 11, cancel claim 6, and add claims 20-37 as follows. After entry of this amendment, claims 1-5, 7-37, of which claims 1, 11, 20 and 29 are independent, are currently pending in the application. This listing of claims replaces all previous versions and listings of claims.

1. (Currently Amended) A computer program product, comprising:
 - a computer readable medium storing computer program instructions that, when processed by a computer, instruct the computer to perform a process for facilitating editing of a motion picture, comprising:
 - automatically generating in the computer system a sequence of clips representing the motion picture from a description of the motion picture, wherein each clip has an initial duration defined by the description of the motion picture, wherein the description of the motion picture comprises a sequence of shot descriptions, wherein each shot description includes the initial duration of a clip to be generated for the shot;
 - receiving input from a user indicating instructions to associate motion video information stored in computer data files with clips in the automatically generated sequence of clips representing the motion picture, and storing for each clip a reference to the associated data file and a time range of the motion video information from the associated data file; and
 - updating the duration of each clip, in the automatically generated sequence of clips, to which motion video information is associated to correspond to the duration of the motion video information from the time range.
2. (Original) The computer program product of claim 1, wherein receiving input comprises:
 - receiving input from the user to select a clip; and
 - receiving input from the user to specify motion video information to be associated with the selected clip.
3. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 2, further comprising displaying to the user an indication, for each clip in the automatically generated sequence of clips

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to which motion video information has not been associated, that the clip has no motion video information associated with the clip.

4. (Original) The computer program product of claim 1, wherein receiving input comprises:
 - receiving input from the user to select a clip;
 - receiving input from the user instructing the computer to capture motion video information into a data file on the computer while the selected clip is selected; and
 - associating the captured data file with the selected clip.
5. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 4, further comprising displaying to the user an indication, for each clip in the automatically generated sequence of clips to which motion video information has not been associated, that the clip has no motion video information associated with the clip.
6. Cancelled.
7. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim ~~[[6]]~~ 1, wherein each shot description includes a field for storing a reference to a single still image descriptive of the shot.
8. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim ~~[[6]]~~ 1, wherein each shot description includes a field for storing a number identifying the shot.
9. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim ~~[[6]]~~ 1, wherein each shot description includes a field for storing text providing a tip for filming a shot during production.
10. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim ~~[[6]]~~ 1, wherein each shot description includes a field for storing text providing a tip for editing a shot in the motion picture.
11. (Currently Amended) A computer program product, comprising:

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a computer readable medium storing computer program instructions that, when processed by a computer, instruct the computer to perform a process for facilitating editing of a motion picture, comprising:

storing in a computer system a representation of a plan for the motion picture, wherein the plan specifies a sequence of shots, wherein each shot is specified by a shot description including a reference to a textual description of the shot and a duration of the shot, wherein at least one shot lacks a reference to a source of motion video information for the shot;

displaying ~~to a user~~ a storyboard on a display for the computer system according to the sequence of shots specified by the plan;

allowing ~~the~~ a user to modify the representation of the plan in the computer system;

automatically generating in the computer system a sequence of clips representing the motion picture from the stored representation of the plan, wherein each clip corresponds to a shot in the sequence of shots and has a duration that corresponds at least initially to the duration of the corresponding shot;

storing motion video information ~~from the sources~~ in data files on the computer system;

associating motion video information stored in the data files on the computer system with each clip in the automatically generated sequence of clips representing the motion picture and storing for each clip a reference to the associated data file and a range within the data file, such that the duration of each clip corresponds to the associated motion video information;

displaying to the user the sequence of clips as a timeline and in a video window on a display for the computer system according using the associated motion video information; and

allowing the user to modify the sequence of clips in the computer system.

12. (Original) The computer program product of claim 11, wherein associating motion video information stored in the data files on the computer system with each clip comprises:

receiving input from the user to select a clip; and

receiving input from the user to specify motion video information to be associated with the selected clip.

13. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 12, further comprising displaying to the user an indication, for each clip in the automatically generated sequence of clips

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to which motion video information has not been associated, that the clip has no motion video information associated with the clip.

14. (Original) The computer program product of claim 11, wherein associating motion video information stored in the data files on the computer system with each clip comprises:

- receiving input from the user to select a clip;
- receiving input from the user instructing the computer to capture motion video information into a data file on the computer while the selected clip is selected; and
- associating the captured data file with the selected clip.

15. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 14, further comprising displaying to the user an indication, for each clip in the automatically generated sequence of clips to which motion video information has not been associated, that the clip has no motion video information associated with the clip.

16. (Original) The computer program product of claim 11, wherein each shot description includes a field for storing a reference to a single still image descriptive of the shot.

17. (Original) The computer program product of claim 11, wherein each shot description includes a field for storing a number identifying the shot.

18. (Original) The computer program product of claim 11, wherein each shot description includes a field for storing text providing a tip for filming a shot during production.

19. (Original) The computer program product of claim 11, wherein each shot description includes a field for storing text providing a tip for editing a shot in the motion picture.

20. (New) A process, comprising:
automatically generating, in a computer system, a sequence of clips in memory of the computer representing a motion picture from a description of the motion picture, wherein each

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clip has an initial duration defined by the description of the motion picture, wherein the description of the motion picture comprises a sequence of shot descriptions, wherein each shot description includes the initial duration of a clip to be generated for the shot;

receiving input in the computer system from a user indicating instructions to associate motion video information stored in computer data files with clips in the automatically generated sequence of clips representing the motion picture,

storing, in the memory, for each clip in the automatically generated sequence of clips, a reference to the associated data file and a time range of the motion video information from the associated data file; and

updating the duration of each clip, in the automatically generated sequence of clips in the memory, to which motion video information is associated to correspond to the duration of the motion video information from the time range.

21. (New) The process of claim 20, wherein receiving input comprises:

receiving input from the user to select a clip; and

receiving input from the user to specify motion video information to be associated with the selected clip.

22. (New) The process of claim 21, further comprising:

displaying to the user an indication, for each clip in the automatically generated sequence of clips to which motion video information has not been associated, that the clip has no motion video information associated with the clip.

23. (New) The process of claim 20, wherein receiving input comprises:

receiving input from the user to select a clip;

receiving input from the user instructing the computer to capture motion video information into a data file on the computer while the selected clip is selected; and

associating the captured data file with the selected clip.

24. (New) The process of claim 23, further comprising:

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displaying to the user an indication, for each clip in the automatically generated sequence of clips to which motion video information has not been associated, that the clip has no motion video information associated with the clip.

25. (New) The process of claim 20, wherein each shot description includes a field for storing a reference to a single still image descriptive of the shot.

26. (New) The process of claim 20, wherein each shot description includes a field for storing a number identifying the shot.

27. (New) The process of claim 20, wherein each shot description includes a field for storing text providing a tip for filming a shot during production.

28. (New) The process of claim 20, wherein each shot description includes a field for storing text providing a tip for editing a shot in the motion picture.

29. (New) A process, comprising:

storing in memory of a computer system a representation of a plan for a motion picture, wherein the plan specifies a sequence of shots, wherein each shot is specified by a shot description including a reference to a textual description of the shot and a duration of the shot, wherein at least one shot lacks a reference to a source of motion video information for the shot;

displaying on a display for the computer system a storyboard according to the sequence of shots specified by the plan;

receiving input indicative of modifications to the plan;

modifying the representation of the plan in the memory of the computer system according to the received input;

automatically generating in the memory of the computer system a sequence of clips representing the motion picture from the stored representation of the plan, wherein each clip corresponds to a shot in the sequence of shots and has a duration that corresponds at least initially to the duration of the corresponding shot;

storing motion video information in data files on the computer system;

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receiving input indicative of instructions to associate motion video information stored in the data files on the computer system with clips in the automatically generated sequence of clips representing the motion picture;

storing, in the memory, for each clip a reference to the associated data file and a range within the data file, such that the duration of each clip corresponds to the associated motion video information;

displaying the sequence of clips as a timeline on a display for the computer system according using the associated motion video information;

receiving input indicative of instructions to modify the sequence of clips; and

modifying the sequence of clips in the memory of the computer system according to the received input.

30. (New) The process of claim 29, wherein the receiving input indicative of instructions to associate motion video information comprises:

receiving input from a user to select a clip; and

receiving input from the user to specify motion video information to be associated with the selected clip.

31. (New) The process of claim 30, further comprising:

displaying an indication, for each clip in the automatically generated sequence of clips to which motion video information has not been associated, that the clip has no motion video information associated with the clip.

32. (New) The process of claim 29, wherein the receiving input indicative of instructions to associate motion video information comprises:

receiving input from the user to select a clip;

receiving input from the user instructing the computer to capture motion video information into a data file on the computer while the selected clip is selected; and

associating the captured data file with the selected clip.

33. (New) The process of claim 32, further comprising:

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displaying to the user an indication, for each clip in the automatically generated sequence of clips to which motion video information has not been associated, that the clip has no motion video information associated with the clip.

34. (New) The process of claim 29, wherein each shot description includes a field for storing a reference to a single still image descriptive of the shot.

35. (New) The process of claim 29, wherein each shot description includes a field for storing a number identifying the shot.

36. (New) The process of claim 29, wherein each shot description includes a field for storing text providing a tip for filming a shot during production.

37. (New) The process of claim 29, wherein each shot description includes a field for storing text providing a tip for editing a shot in the motion picture.